

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~B1-0018~~ CA-831

Address: 7430 Crain Highway, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Wood, Weldon L. and Patricia M.

Tax Parcel Number: 69 Tax Map Number: 44

Project	MD 301	Agency	State Highway Administration (SHA)
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Site visit by SHA Staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

7430 Crain Highway is one-and-one-half stories in height and has a side gable roof. The entrance is located within a one-story, front gable roof projecting bay. A small metal hood, supported by decorative metal posts, crowns the entry. The paired windows flanking the projecting bay are also shaded by metal hoods. A large brick chimney with double shoulders rises along the main elevation (west), adjacent to the projecting bay. A one-story wing with a shed roof extends from the south elevation.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1945, this vernacular house with Tudor Revival-style influences is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the modest residential development along U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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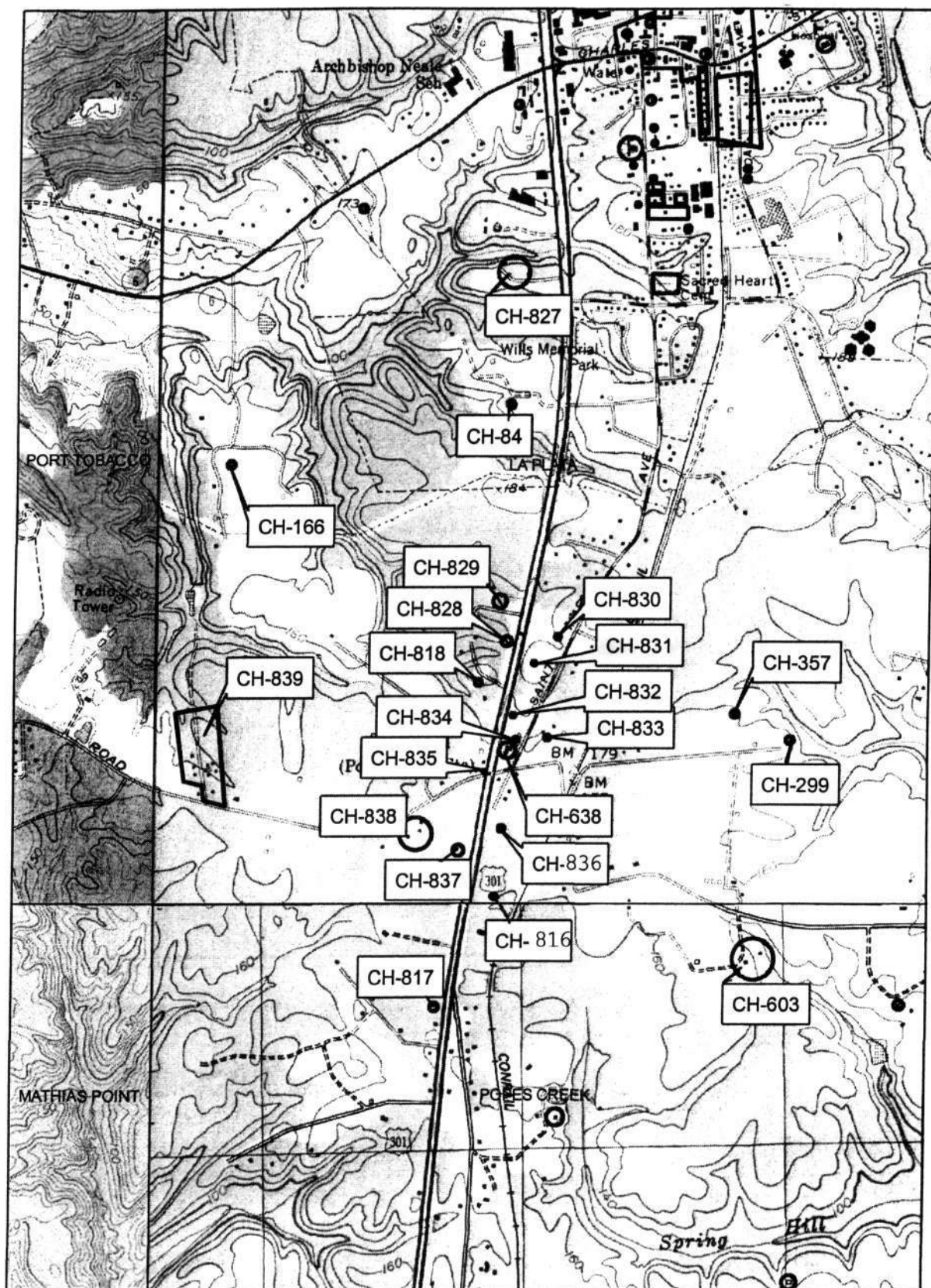
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View looking east
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